



*The Newsletter of the Panhandle Library System*

**PLS Coordinator's Message**

I'm thankful to the Nebraska Library Commission for giving me the opportunity to attend the Public Library Association conference in Seattle last month. For one reason, the Panhandle was buried under a foot of snow; the Northwest was abloom in spring. Over 8,000 people involved with libraries from all over the country converged at the multi-level convention center. From the lowest floor, you could watch the escalators moving higher and higher, jammed with every color, size and shape of badged and bagged chattering library folks. Most of them found seats in the massive room where the opening general session provided images of Bill Gates, Sr., and Anna Quindlen on giant screens, because the podium was too far away to see. But their messages went straight to the hearts of all those library workers, who rose en masse (many in tears) to cheer two who recognize and support what we do. There were a dozen sessions from which to choose every hour, presented by leaders in the field, on reader's advisory, buildings, collections, diversity, management, marketing, partnerships, staff development, technology, virtual service, youth programs. At the end of each day, I felt my brain would burst from all the information I'd tried to absorb. But then I'd get to enjoy dinner while listening to an author tell what's in her head and her life that turns into books, and my fatigue disappeared. I hope the notes I took and the vendors I visited will provide specific information to help us with our local concerns in the Panhandle. But honestly, spending three days interacting with so many others who share our professional values and commitment – as well as problems – was enough to make the trip worthwhile.

Cherie Longmuir



## INSIDE OUR LIBRARIES

How lucky that the **Rushville High School** principal was called upon to substitute for a class that was scheduled to do research in the library. He got a first-hand look at the skills of library media specialist **Ruby Tiensvold**, as she guided students seeking information from books and computer resources. Using a Big 6 format, the students had specific questions to answer that required information from graphs and illustrations as well as text. The students were focused and appeared motivated in their quest. It's a beautiful thing to see!

**Hemingford High School** librarian, **Sue Shaver**, was involved with classroom instructors in the STAR testing for 10<sup>th</sup> graders. As part of the language arts standards, students were required to do a research project and make a presentation. This attractive library, with new wooden cabinets and shelves, is divided into two sections, with the computers on one side and books lining the walls on the opposite side. Sue was pleased that students found the print resources as valuable for information as the online resources. The collection is not large, but it's current and well - organized, due to regular weeding. Sue also recently provided an inservice for her staff on the Nebraska Access databases.

**Curly Abel**, librarian at **Broadwater Public Library**, was recently mentioned in a meeting at the Nebraska Library Commission. The comment was something like, "If a librarian in a town of 160, whose library is open 6 hours per week, can submit a statistical report online, no one else has an excuse!" That shows the attitude of a lady who's willing to try most anything - and just get help if it doesn't work. Though in

fact, she is the one giving the help to the new library assistant, **Naomi Loxterkamp**, who claims she is computer illiterate. Not for long. In the meantime, Naomi will help with summer reading activities for the children, put away the large number of books that are returned in those 6 hours, and help process the many nearly-new donations that keep the shelves full with things to read, view, and listen to. Another assistant, **Jeff Baird**, provides technical assistance with the Gates computers, which Curly reports are getting used by a variety of patrons for everything from school reports to doing taxes.

**Vicky Dunn**, at **Sioux County Library** in Harrison, purchased Follett software for automation last year. Due to a "no money/ no time/ no shelf list" problem, she is having volunteers enter book records into the system. This lets Vicky weed each shelf as they go; when a book is entered, it gets a barcode. They have completed 1400 so far. Though there are free and fee services also available for obtaining records, this shows that with determination, there is a way to automate your collection. Vicky is also hoping to try having a special time for senior citizens to use the library - a morning coffee time, including book talks by the librarian.

Could the "inside of your library" use something new on the wall? The PLS office has 3 **framed poster prints to lend**. They need a space about 2' by 2'. One is great fun for the littlest patrons: "Hooray for Helen Oxenbury" showing toddlers playing. Another is "Tower of London" by Leonard Everett Fisher, in grey tones, showing horses crossing the bridge. The third is John Tenniel's classic pastel of Alice in Wonderland.



## WEED OF THE MONTH

This month it's time to evaluate humor books. Check 808.7, 810s, and 820s. The concern is more with wear than content, as jokes are a perennial favorite with children. You may be able to order reprints of old favorites. But also be aware of outdated humor that suggests a gender or nationality bias no longer consider appropriate. Some titles to add? Little Giant Book of Jokes, 2003, gr.4-7; Pocketful of Nonsense, 2003, gr.K-3; Greatest Giggles Ever, 2002, gr.1-4; Ha!Ha!Ha! 1000 Jokes, Riddles, Facts, 2001, gr.3-8. For more weeding help: [www.sunlink.ucf.edu/weed/1103.html](http://www.sunlink.ucf.edu/weed/1103.html).

## AND THE WINNER IS...

The 2004 Newbery Medal was awarded to The Tale of Despereaux by Kate Dicamillo. The Caldecott Award went to The Man Who Walked Between the Towers by Mordicai Gerstein. For a complete list of honor books and other awards, go to [www.ala.org](http://www.ala.org) or call the System office for a copy.

## YA VIDEOCONFERENCE STAR

**Kathy Powers, Scottsbluff Public Library**, was a featured presenter at the Jan.16th Nebraska Library Commission videoconference "Programming That Works for Teens." She told about how to get a teen advisory group started, and described some of their first YA programs. She was one of 4 youth librarians who offered many useable ideas. The NEXT videoconference, on April 16, 1:00-4:00, broadcast in Scottsbluff, Chadron, and North Platte, will provide ideas for serving Hispanic youth. These are easy opportunities to learn from other librarians across the state by using a wonderful technology that allows us to stay in our region.

## SPRING IS IN THE AIR

Author Josephine Carr knew the way to a librarian's heart when she wrote the romance novel The Dewey Decimal System of Love. In it, a 40-year old spinster librarian falls in love with a famous orchestra conductor (who happens to be married). A great pairing of humor and wit.

## SYSTEM STAFF CHANGES

Kevin Leapley, administrator of Republican Valley Library System, will be leaving his position in April. He has been hired as the Systems Specialist for the Lincoln Area Agency on Aging, in charge of Information Technology. Kevin has been a valuable resource for all the Systems because of his technical expertise. One door closes, another opens: Kathy Ellerton has taken the position as administrator of the Northeast Library System that was vacated by Carol Speicher.

## TRY CATEXPRESS FOR FREE

If you create catalog records for 2400 or fewer titles per year, you can use CatExpress to search for records in WorldCat, add your holdings to WorldCat, and download records into your local system. Try it for free in June. If you decide it's just what you need, your subscription will start in July. The cost is \$60 per year and 82 cents per record. You can sign up for as few as 200 records. This is cheap and easy, especially when you consider the time it takes to catalog an item. And these are full MARC records made by the experts. Our Nebraska expert is Christa Burns. She can answer all your questions. Call her at 800-307-2665.





# NEWS YOU CAN USE

## **New in the PLS Collection**

The Visible Library: Asserting Your Value with Marketing and Advocacy by Judith A. Siess, ALA, 2003.

Teaching Electronic Information Skills created by Follett Software Company. One guide each for grades K-5, 6-8 and 9-12. These are loose leaf binders of curriculum-coordinated lessons and activities in the information literacy format.

To borrow any of these materials, call the PLS office: 888-879-5303.

## **Golden Sower Voting**

All votes for the next Golden Sower award must be reported by April 15. Remember to include ALL votes cast, not just the winning book at your school. For more information, go to <http://www.nol.org/home/NLA/nugget/voting/vote.htm>.

## **Author Tour Set for September**

Carole Nelson Douglas, author of the Midnight Louie cat mysteries, and several other series, will be visiting the Panhandle region September 20<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>, 2004. The PLS Author Committee (Carolyn Brown, Nadine DiBacco, Mary Beth Sancomb-Moran, Deb Carlson, Nancy Escamilla) is setting up a tour schedule that includes stops at Kimball, Sidney, Chadron, Gering, Alliance, Scottsbluff. Promotional materials will be provided, as well as opportunities to purchase books at a discount. A detailed schedule of events will be available in the near future.



## **Web Filtering Video**

The videotape of the College of DuPage teleconference "Web Filtering: Policies, Software, Staff Training and CIPA" may be borrowed from the PLS office. It includes information on meeting CIPA and e-rate requirements. Both library staff and Board members may find it useful. To compare various filters, try this Website: <http://libraryfiltering.org>. If you are receiving federal funds to pay for Internet service, you are required to have filters by July 1, 2004.

## **Best Audiobooks of 2003**

In the Library Journal of Feb. 15, 2004, the following recorded books are on the "Best Of" list. The editor commented that abridged versions have almost disappeared, and cassettes are on the way out, making way for CD and MP3 formats. If you would like a copy of the book descriptions, call the PLS office.

1. Abrahams, Peter. Their Wildest Dreams
2. Deaver, Jeffery. The Vanished Man
3. Erdrich, Louise. The Master Butchers Singing Club
4. Haddon, Mark. Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time
5. Kellerman, Jonathan. A Cold Heart
6. Lynch, Sarah-Kate. Blessed are the Cheesemakers
7. Mosley, Walter. Six Easy Pieces
8. Nunez, Elizabeth. Grace
9. Peters, Elizabeth. Children of the Storm
10. Smith, Alexander McCall. The Kalahari Typing School for Men
11. Smith, Deborah. Sweet Hush
12. Tracy, P.J. Monkeewrench
13. Wodehouse, P.G. Damsel in Distress



## NEWS YOU CAN USE

### **Money for Rural Libraries**

The USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant program provided \$362,500 to the Tecumseh Public Library for the construction of a library/technology center. The focus of USDA Rural Development programs like this is communities under 20,000 population, with a median household income of less than \$30,995. If you are looking for resources to plan or construct a library facility, contact a local USDA office for information. The office in Chadron is 308-432-4616. Or check the website: [www.rurdev.usda.gov/ne/](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/ne/).

### **Staff Development Day May 17<sup>th</sup>**

Two programs by nationally recognized speakers will be presented on Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at Alliance Public Library. Both are scheduled from 10:00 to 3:30, so you must choose which one to attend. The Nebraska Library Association and the Nebraska Library Commission are co-sponsoring "Being a Professional Person – It is Not All About the Credentials" presented by Mary Bushing; and "Teen Space: Capturing Teen Imagination in the Library" presented by Kimberly Bolan Taney. Information and a registration form are included in this newsletter. This should be a day with something for everyone!

### **New Nebraska Book**

A Will Is Not Enough In Nebraska, written by Nebraska attorney Kenneth Pickens, is an estate planning book based on Nebraska law. It includes Nebraska specific Medicaid eligibility rules. The cost is \$24 from Eagle Publishing (800) 824-0823. ISBN 1-892407-80-9

### **NebraskaAccess**

The electronic databases provided to libraries at no charge by the Nebraska Library Commission are being presented in a new format, with additional access for patrons from their home or workplace. The website is called NebraskaAccess:

[www.nlc.state.ne.us/nebraskaccess](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/nebraskaccess).

Residents can use a driver's license or state ID number as a logon when they are not at a library. There is also a separate access point for school users. See the NebraskaAccess page in this newsletter that describes tools for librarians to learn, teach, and promote these valuable databases. Thanks to the Network Services team in Lincoln for their efforts to make this resource easier for all Nebraskans to use.

### **Join the WebDewey Group**

Are you just about to place an order for the new Dewey Decimal Classification in print form? Before you do, consider subscribing to Abridged WebDewey. It is updated quarterly, and has electronic functionality that makes classification quicker and easier. The cost is about \$50 per year. You do not have to be an OCLC member to subscribe. Larger libraries can subscribe to regular WebDewey at about \$175 per year. For more information, contact Christa Burns at 800-307-2665.

### **Young People's Poetry Week**

April 12-18 is the time to celebrate poetry's place in American culture. The Children's Book Council has materials at [www.cbc-books.org](http://www.cbc-books.org).

***National Library Week***  
***April 18-24***



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## BITS AND PIECES

**Pat Gross**, library media specialist at **Gering High School**, has been appointed to the State Advisory Council on Libraries. Unfortunately, time constraints will not allow her to continue as a Panhandle Library System Board member. That position will be filled by election in May. We are proud to have another Panhandle member serving in this capacity. She joins Nancy Escamilla, of Scottsbluff Public Library on the SACL.

**Duane Munson**, regional book representative, hosted a dinner for PLS members on February 10<sup>th</sup>, and a book display at Leyton High School on March 4<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Duane for all the book ordering service he provides librarians and school media specialists. To contact Duane in Columbus, call 402-564-3073. Another book jobber new to our region is Charley Vacha, representing Turtleback Books from Demco Media. Call him at 800-625-5582.

**Janet Sears**, who was library assistant at **Bridgeport Public Library**, has accepted the position of library director at Imperial Public Library. Janet has been taking library classes at Chadron State College, as well as attending several PLS workshops. Congratulations, Janet!

An LSTA grant has been awarded to the Regional Library Systems to promote the growth of library programming for English Language Learners. Participants in the Panhandle Region are **Alliance PL, Kimball PL, Mitchell PL, Morrill PL, Scottsbluff PL**. Each of these libraries will partner with minority community leaders to determine the library needs of those whose first language is Spanish. Grant funds will be available for training, outreach, and library materials.

**Alliance** library director, **Mavis McLean**, makes periodic reports to her Board and city officials about library activities. These include circulation and usage statistics, program summaries, display descriptions, staff development, and issues to be addressed. This raises awareness about what is going on at the library and how much it is used, as well as providing a basis for budget requests.

Meriwether Lewis and William Clark wrote about food almost every day in their journals. Their words inspired Mary Gunderson to publish **The Food Journal of Lewis and Clark: Recipes for the Expedition**. Recipes are easy enough for children. For more information about the book, go to [www.HistoryCooks.com](http://www.HistoryCooks.com).

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PLS had a good showing at **Library Legislative Day**. Those making the trek to Lincoln were Deb Carlson, Nadine DiBacco, Diane Downer, Mary Beth Sancomb-Moran, Carolyn Brown, and Cherie Longmuir. All three senators from our region joined us for lunch and conversation. Wally Seiler from Alliance gave a speech in support of libraries.

Bill Johnson, publisher of the Lincoln Journal Star newspaper spoke to us about the importance of putting your resources where your demand is – whether in library collections or newspaper coverage. He recommended doing research to find out what people want, rather than making assumptions based on current patrons. He suggested that libraries and newspapers could work together to improve the quality of life in the community.

More than 140 library folks filled the halls of the capitol that day. Consider joining them next year.

The **Goodall City Library** in **Ogallala** has put their collection on the Web, using WebCollection Plus from Follett. View it at [www.goodallcitylibrary.com](http://www.goodallcitylibrary.com) and click on “online catalog.” Because of Follett’s special March sale, Mitchell PL and Alliance PL have also purchased the WebCollection Plus software, and will soon be “open” 24/7.

Do you have ideas for **performers for summer reading events**? As you know, this summer’s PLS theatre performance was cut from two weeks to one week, because of rising costs and budget cuts. We are already looking ahead to the summer of 2005, and hope to hire a storyteller or performing group from our region at a cost that would allow us to provide programs in many more libraries. If you are aware of a local talent with a reading connection, who could entertain all ages, please contact the PLS office.

**Hay Springs PL** has a bright awning over their door with “LIBRARY” printed in big bold letters. It’s a useful and attractive way to be visible.

Welcome to **Deb Finley**, new library director at **Hemingford Public Library**. Deb is full of enthusiasm and anxious to learn. She is looking forward to a big project: automating the library collection with Follett Circulation/Catalog Plus.

Local author Nellene Mailander (writing as Ruth Foreman) will review her book Free to Drink the Wind at **Alliance Public Library** at the noon Brown Bag program on Friday, April 23. By the way, next to the return address on the Alliance PL newsletter, is a note that says: “Almost 64,000 people used the library last year!”



## FILTERING THE INTERNET

*Before we get too serious – did you hear about the library that was filtered out of its own Web site? Flesh Public Library (named after benefactor Leo Flesh) in Piqua, Ohio, was denied access to [www.fleshpublic.lib.oh.us](http://www.fleshpublic.lib.oh.us) by Net Nanny. There's got to be something bad about "flesh" and "public" being together! The new website is [www.piqua.lib.oh.us](http://www.piqua.lib.oh.us).*

*July 1 is the deadline for compliance with the provisions of the Children's Internet Protection Act in order to qualify for funds made available by the E-rate program of the Federal Communication Commission and the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). Schools and public libraries that provide access to the Internet must employ a "technology protection measure" (TPM) to protect against access to visual depictions that are obscene, contain child pornography, or are harmful to minors. Public libraries that choose to comply with the law must use filters that will protect against those specific visual depictions, though the filter must be disabled for any adult who requests it. E-rate funding is not available to pay for filtering software. Some libraries have weighed the benefits of their E-rate discount against the cost of installing filters, to determine whether they can or cannot afford to give up the federal funds and remain filter-free. Others are weighing the features of different types of filters to determine which best suits their situation, is the easiest to disable, provides appropriate protection without inappropriate blocking of information. Unfortunately, filters are popping up everywhere, as companies prepare to cash in on the windfall. But fortunately, as with all library products, there are library people testing, evaluating, and recommending. Many keyword systems, which can block a single term out of the context of a search ("breast" in breast cancer) have been evaluated out of the competition. More sophisticated systems make distinctions between content that should be available and that which may be harmful. But even then, mistakes will be made. How easily can a librarian override the filter and allow a site to be permanently available? Or permanently unavailable? More things to consider: does the software designer have a bias (religious? political?); is "free" really worth the price? do you have one computer? a network?*

*Here are some possible answers. These software tools have been reviewed by the Tennessee State Library Filter Committee.*

*Medium and large libraries that have 25 or more computers could consider network solutions-software or hardware. This would require technical expertise to install and maintain. Be wary of long-term software contracts, as the market and the products are evolving. Products to consider are N2H2 Bess, CensorNet, Content Watch, NetSpective, SmartFilter, St. Bernard iPrism, SurfControl, SurfWall.*

*Libraries with 10-25 computers could consider software loaded onto a network server. In this category are CensorNet, Content Watch, CyberPatrol, Cybersitter, N2H2 Bess, S4F, SurfControl, SurfWall.*

*Small libraries with ten or fewer computers could consider software that can be loaded onto individual computer work-stations. In this category are CyberPatrol, Cybersitter, S4F, and Web-Blocker.*

*A Website that compares the features of several products is: <http://libraryfiltering.org> Some additional products being used in Nebraska are DansGuardian, SquidGuard, and Winnocence. As more libraries purchase and install filters, we will ask them to fill out a survey so that we can help each other by sharing our knowledge and experience. The PLS office has a growing file of filter information, so call if you'd like some help.*



## SO MANY WORKSHOPS – NOT ENOUGH TIME!

You can tell it's spring in the Panhandle Library System. We're all slowly emerging from our winter hibernation, still moving a bit cautiously so as not to get knocked over by the March winds, when we unsuspectingly turn the corner to April and see the calendar pages ahead completely filled - not with frolics in the fields - but with workshops! If we went to all of these events, our library boards would issue a missing person report on us! So let's see - which ones shall we choose??

Well, as you're reading this, the Summer Reading Workshop is going on at Gering Public Library. Sally Snyder, acting coordinator of children's services at Nebraska Library Commission drove out on April 2 to tell us what's new in books for youth, and to give us dozens of ideas about what to make and do for this summer's program. So unless you ripped your newsletter open the minute it arrived, you missed that one. Not to worry - there's plenty more!

On **April 16**, Sally will join us again - but this time on camera. She will host a video conference in which Nebraska librarians will share ideas about programs and materials for Hispanic youth. You can watch it at the Panhandle Learning Center in Scottsbluff or at Chadron State College.

On Monday, **April 19**, Pat Wagner is coming from Colorado, to share her consulting expertise about how to make our libraries more visible and more valued in our communities. She will be at the Gering Civic Center. Not only librarians, but also Board members would find this valuable.

A special event just for school library folks are 3 jobalikes - one in the north, one in the central area, and one in the south - where you'll have a chance to share a meal and talk about the things that only other school library folks understand. Go to the closest one - or all three! **April 21** in Bayard, **April 27** in Chadron, **May 6** in Sidney.

Some of you will be working on your certification at the Basic Skills classes **April 28, May 5, and May 12** at Scottsbluff Public Library. This session is about organization of materials.

Shannon Behrhorst and her gang from Network Services at the Nebraska Library Commission will be doing their NEBASE annual meeting of the West at Gering Civic Center on **May 13**. They'll present all the new information about NebraskaAccess, and then you'll get to choose from sessions about CatExpress, Book in Print, WebDewey, netlibrary, WorldCat, and a special session where Nadine DiBacco and Bev Russell will share what they learned at recent national conferences.

On **May 17**, there's a double feature at Alliance Public Library. The Nebraska Library Association and the Nebraska Library Commission are sponsoring two events for the NLA spring meeting. Both speakers are nationally recognized. Mary Bushing will talk about what it means to be a professional in our jobs, degree or no degree. Kim Bolan Taney will talk about building a program for teens - the relationships, the space, the materials.

Then comes the official start of summer - the PLS annual meeting! Don't miss this fun event for all our members on **June 11** at WNCC in Sidney. The theme is western, with a speaker from the Museum of the Fur Trade, and a lunch that Lewis and Clark would have loved. There will be free books and prizes, plus updates from your Board and the Nebraska Library Commission.

And for those of you who wouldn't think of taking a summer vacation because you might miss something right here - mark these on your calendar:

**June 22** - Chadron State College - The Database Roadshow! Finally, get a chance to sit down and use those databases that you keep telling your students and patrons about.

**July 29** - Alliance Public Library - Personnel Training for library directors, Board members, city clerks. Find out how Nebraska laws affect how our libraries are governed and administered.

**August 2** - Alliance Public Library - NEMA/PLS Institute - 4 sessions for school and public library staff: Teaching Information Literacy Skills; Advanced Searching Skills on the Internet; Materials Selection Using Online Review Sources; Library Media Program Evaluation.

See the "Upcoming Events" list in this newsletter for registration information for all of these excellent learning opportunities.



# NEBRASKACCESS



Library



Home/  
Work



School  
K12

NebraskaAccess provides Nebraska citizens with free online access to thousands of full-text magazines, journals, newspapers, business information and much more. The Nebraska Library Commission purchases access to these resources with funding from the State of Nebraska.

Have you had a chance to check out the new **NebraskaAccess** website yet?  
([www.nlc.state.ne.us/nebraskaccess](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/nebraskaccess))

If so, did you rummage through  
the **Librarian's Toolbox**?

If not, we strongly encourage you to do  
so today!

The Librarian's Toolbox is a one-stop shop full of resources to help librarians **Administer, Promote, and Use NebraskaAccess**. Here are a few examples of what the Librarian's Toolbox can do for you:

- Do you want to market NebraskaAccess to your community? Check out our **PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL**, which includes:
  - A customizable **Press Release** you can download and distribute to local media outlets.
  - Colorful **Bookmarks, Posters, and a Brochures** you can print out.
  - A **Powerpoint Presentation** you can adapt when talking to community groups.
- Do you want to add NebraskaAccess to your library's web site?
  - Read "**How to add NebraskaAccess Links to your Library's Web Site.**"
  - Download **NebraskaAccess Logos** to use as eye-catching links.
- Do you have patrons asking how to cite information they've retrieved through NebraskaAccess?
  - See "**Citing Materials form NebraskaAccess**" available under **Help**.
- Are you planning a database workshop for staff or patrons? Check out our **TRAINING** area, where you'll find:
  - Training material used in the most recent Database Roadshow, including practice questions and answers!
- Do you have questions about the NebraskaAccess program?
  - Read through our **FAQS** to see if we've answered them!

Do all this **AND MORE** from the **Librarian's Toolbox**. Check it out today! The Librarian's Toolbox is available at: [www.nlc.state.ne.us/nebraskaccess/toolbox/](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/nebraskaccess/toolbox/).

If Bob Vila and Norm Abrams were librarians, you can bet they'd use it! ☺



The Nebraska Library Commission presents  
**NEBASE ANNUAL MEETING 2004 - WEST**  
**May 13, 2004**  
 Gering Civic Center  
 1050 M Street  
 Gering, Nebraska

All Nebraska librarians are invited to attend.

Cost: \$20.00 includes lunch (This fee is non-refundable.)

Participants will earn 5.25 Continuing Education Credit Hours for attending.

**To attend complete the online registration form at <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/netserv/nam.html>**

**Registration deadline May 1, 2004**

<b>9:00 - 9:30</b>	<b>Registration &amp; Refreshments</b>
<b>9:30 - 10:30</b>	<b>Welcome and Network Services Update</b>
<b>10:30 - 10:45</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>10:45 - 11:30</b>	<b>NebraskaAccess</b>
<b>11:30 - 12:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>12:30 - 1:45</b>	<b>Simultaneous Sessions</b> Participants have a choice of attending one of the three sessions listed below. Please note some sessions have size limits. Registrations will be taken on a first come basis.
	<b>CatExpress</b> Watch a live demonstration of this easy to use, web-based copy cataloging service. Hear about the special NEBASE offer of a free trial month of the OCLC CatExpress service to new subscribers. Christa Burns - OCLC Member Services Coordinator, Nebraska Library Commission  <b>Patron Books in Print</b> See the new PBIP interface in action. The PBIP interface is designed for patrons and provides access to the same information as the Books in Print databases, but with a more streamlined patron-friendly view. Allana Novotny, Network Services Librarian, Nebraska Library Commission  <b>Panhandle Library System Sharing Session</b> Hear highlights of the Gates Sustainability Workshop and the Public Library Association Conference held this year in Seattle Bev Russell, Director, Scottsbluff Public Library Nadine DiBacco, Director, Gering Public Library
<b>1:45 - 2:00</b>	<b>Break</b>

<b>2:00 - 3:15</b>	<b>Simultaneous Sessions</b> Participants have a choice of attending one of the three sessions listed below. Please note some sessions have size limits. Registrations will be taken on a first come basis.
	<b>Web Dewey Overview</b> Find out how WebDewey can make assigning Dewey numbers easier and faster in this live demonstration. Learn how you can save by joining the NEBASE WebDewey group subscription. Christa Burns, OCLC Member Services Coordinator, Nebraska Library Commission  <b>netLibrary</b> Learn about netLibrary as we explore the new interface. This session is for new and current users! Allana Novotny, Network Services Librarian, Nebraska Library Commission  <b>Searching WorldCat via FirstSearch</b> Learn tips and tricks for efficiently searching the world's largest, most complete, and most consulted library union catalog. See how it can help you easily identify and locate items requested by your patrons, but not owned by your library. Susan Knisely, Online Services Librarian, Nebraska Library Commission



**Panhandle Library System  
Board Meeting  
January 13, 2004  
Bluff's Business Center, Scottsbluff**

The board of the Panhandle Library System met January 13, 2004 at the Bluff's Business Center in the upper level conference room. President Maryruth Reed called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

Present: Maryruth Reed, Dena Crews, Ruth Walker, Jill Ellis, Carolyn Brown, Lillian Diedrichsen, Diane Downer, Pat Gross, Vickie Retzlaff, Kathy Terrell, Cherie Longmuir, and Debbie McCall.

The agenda was amended to add the salary increase for the Administrative Assistant, and the proposal of the bids for the computer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were amended and approved as amended.

There was a roundtable of librarians that had not had a chance to report. Dena Crews reported that Crawford Public Library is reducing the hours that the library is open to reduce costs. Jill Ellis reported that Marsha Miller is no longer at the library at WNCC in Sidney. Maggie Taylor will be starting at WNCC at the library in Sidney. WNCC has a web page for the library. The address is [www.wncc.net/library/](http://www.wncc.net/library/). The job-a-like will be at WNCC on January 27, 2004. The college library is open to anyone. It is not just limited to students.

There is a new member of the Panhandle Library System. It is the Museum of Fur Trade. The library consists of about 10,000 books that are used for research.

There was discussion on the time frame for the salary increase for the Administrative Assistant. Carolyn made a motion that the salary be increased 1.5% in January 2004 and 2% in July 2004. Lillian seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously on roll call vote. Cherie will rework the 4.4.1 policy.

Since the office computer has not found a new home within the system, it will be offered to the highest sealed bid at the March 9, 2004 meeting.

The cost of the postage machine was \$492. It was decided that it is no longer needed at that price.

Cherie reported that she has written letters to the school Superintendents and Principals, to our Senators, and to the Rural Development Council to inform them about the Panhandle Library System.

Survey letters on the needs assessment of the Panhandle Library System need to be sent out. Cherie will send a draft of the letter to the board members before the March meeting.

Carolyn reported that the author that was scheduled, would not be coming.

Dena reported that the annual meeting would be in Sidney on June 11 at WNCC with a western theme. The menu will be Buffalo Burgers or beef, coleslaw, baked beans. The morning will include muffins, fruit juice, cookies, tea, and coffee.

Diane reported that Tom Merchant and Jim Soester would do a workshop on March 5 at the Scottsbluff Public Library.

The Library Commission report included that there is a new way of keeping track of the credit hours.

Bev Russell going to attend the Gates Training in Seattle. From there, she will be attending PLA along with Nadine and Cherie.

Carolyn, Cherie, Diane, and Nadine will be attending Legislative Day. Our Senators luncheon will be paid for.

Panhandle Library System now has a web site. Cherie and Debbie received training in Sidney with Manila web site design.

Duane Munson will be in Scottsbluff in February. On May 13, there will be a network services workshop at the Gering Civic Center. The Young Adult Services will be January 16 from 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

March 17 is the NLA Para conference. It will be taped. April 2 is the Summer Reading workshop.

March 9 is the next board meeting in the Bluff's Business Center Conference Room.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Ruth Walker  
Secretary



**FOR SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA SPECIALISTS**  
***Rule 10 – the State of Nebraska Regulations***

Media and Technology Resources

**006.01 Quality Indicator:** The library/media/technology program provides a wide range of accessible print and electronic resources that expand opportunity for learning, contribute to information literacy, support the local curriculum, and enhance and enrich learning experiences for all students.

006.01A Each school has a library media area(s) which is available to students during the entire school day. All library media resources are properly cataloged, marked, and shelved according to a standard classification system. Each school has at least one set of encyclopedia available in either print or electronic format with copyright dates in the past five years.

006.01B Each elementary school acquires a minimum of 25 new library media resources in print format, exclusive of textbooks and encyclopedia, of different titles, per teacher per year, up to 150 titles during one year. The minimum number of new titles in print format is 75 if library media resources are also available through electronic format. Each middle and high school acquires a minimum of 150 titles each year in either print or in full text electronic format.

006.01C Each middle level school subscribes to at least ten periodicals either in print or in full text electronic format.

006.01D Each secondary school subscribes to at least 25 periodicals in print or in full text electronic format.

**007.04 Media/Technology Staff. Quality Indicator:** The library/media/technology programs and services are an integral part of the instructional program. Library/media staff provide leadership and assistance in selection, provision, and use of library/media resources. Technology staff and services are available locally or in collaboration with other agencies to provide support, maintenance, consultation, and training for meaningful use of technology resources.

007.04A Each K-12 school system and each secondary school system has a person holding a Nebraska Teaching Certificate with an endorsement appropriate for library science or educational media specialist, or meeting Section 007.04B, assigned on at least a one-half time basis to provide library media services to the school system.

007.04A1 Each school building having an enrollment of from 70 to 249 students has a person holding a valid Nebraska Teaching Certificate with an appropriate endorsement for library science or educational media specialist assigned on at least a one-fifth time basis or has a library media paraprofessional assigned on at least a one-half time basis under the supervision of a certificated staff member.

007.04A2 Each school building having an enrollment of at least 250 students has a person holding a Nebraska Teaching Certificate with an appropriate endorsement for library science or educational media specialist assigned on at least a one-half time basis, or has such person assigned on a one-fourth time basis and a full-time library media paraprofessional also assigned. Buildings with 500 or more students have at least a full-time educational media specialist or a one-half time educational media specialist and a full-time library media paraprofessional. Buildings with 750 or more students have a full-time educational media specialist.

007.04B Until September 1, 2006, a school system may assign a person holding a Nebraska Teaching Certificate with no endorsement appropriate for library science or educational media specialist to fulfill the requirements for Sections 007.04A, 007.04A1, and 007.04A2 if such person acquires at least six credit hours each year toward an appropriate endorsement pursuant to 92 NAC 24.



## PLS UPCOMING EVENTS

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Email: [debm@charterinternet.com](mailto:debm@charterinternet.com)

### **Apr 16, 2004 College of DuPage**

Soaring to Excellence

"Preparing for the Future of Digital Reference"

Panhandle viewing sites: Chadron State College, ESU 13-Scottsbluff and WNCC Sidney

Time: 10:00 a.m. to noon (MT)

PLS will videotape.

Register with PLS-See above info

### **April 16, 2004 Bienvenidos! Welcome to the World of Services for Hispanic Youth (Videoconference)**

Sites: Chadron State College-Student Center-Scottsbluff Room/ University of Nebraska-Panhandle Learning Center-Plains Room, 4502 Ave. I, Scottsbluff/ McKinley Education Center-Room 1, 301 West F Street, North Platte

Time: 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. (MT)

Registration deadline is April 12, 2004

Register online at

<http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/news/content/1540.html>

Or contact Jacque Crocker, 800-307-2665, Fax 402-471-2083, email: [jcrocker@nlc.state.ne.us](mailto:jcrocker@nlc.state.ne.us)

### **Apr 18 – 24, 2004 National Library Week**

Check out the ALA Website

<http://www.ala.org>

### **Apr 19, 2004 Pat Wagner Workshop**

"The Visible Library: Promoting Library Value with Marketing and Advocacy"

Location: Gering Civic Center, 1050 M Street, Gering

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$15.00 lunch is included

**Registration deadline is April 12, 2004**

Make checks payable to Regional Library Systems

Register and send checks to Northeast Library System, 3038 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Columbus, NE 68601

800-578-1014, 402-564-7977

e-mail: [nelibrary@megavision.com](mailto:nelibrary@megavision.com)

### **Check out the PLS website**

<http://teacherweb.panesu.org/pls>

### **Apr 21, 2004 School Library Job-A-Like**

**Central** (Watch for flyer)

Location: Bayard – TBA

Time: TBA

Cost: TBA

RSVP: PLS-See above info

### **Apr 27, 2004 School Library Job-A-Like-North**

Location: Angela's Eatery, 251 Main, Chadron, NE

Time: 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. (MT)

Cost: order from menu

RSVP: PLS-See above info

### **Apr 28, May 5 & 12, 2004**

**Basic Skills: Organization of Library Materials**

Instructor, Judy Oltmanns

Location: Scottsbluff Public Library, Meeting room

Time: 10:00 a.m. to Noon and 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. (MT) Lunch is on your own.

Cost: \$35.00 for all 3 classes

**Register by April 21, 2004 at**

[www.nlc.state.ne.us/news/content/1534.html](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/news/content/1534.html) or Jacque Crocker, 800-307-2665, 402-471-2083 or email: [jcrocker@nlc.state.ne.us](mailto:jcrocker@nlc.state.ne.us)

### **May 6, 2004 School Library Job-A-Like-South**

Location: Perkins restaurant,

655 Cabela Drive, Sidney

Time: 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. (MT)

Cost: Order from menu

RSVP: PLS-See above info

### **May 11, 2004 PLS Board Meeting**

Location: WNCC, 1601 East 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Scottsbluff, in the Board room

Time: 10:00 a.m. (MT)





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Fax 308-632-3978, Coordinator's phone: 308-632-3168  
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Email: [debm@charterinternet.com](mailto:debm@charterinternet.com)

### **May 13, 2004 NEBASE West 2004 Spring Meeting**

Location: Gering Civic Center, 1050 M Street, Gering, NE  
Time: 9:00-9:30 a.m.-Registration & Welcome / 9:30-3:15-Meeting  
Cost: \$20 (non-refundable) includes lunch  
**Register by May 1, 2004 at**  
<http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/netserv/nam.html>  
Or contact Jeannette Powell, 800-307-2665, 402-471-7740, Email: [jpowell@nlc.state.ne.us](mailto:jpowell@nlc.state.ne.us)

### **May 17, 2004 NLA Spring Meeting**

"Being a Professional Person – It's not about the credentials"  
Presenter, Mary Bushing or  
"Teen Space: Capturing teen imagination in the library"  
Presenter, Kimberly Bolan Taney  
Location: Alliance Public Library, 1750 Sweetwater, Alliance  
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (MT)  
Cost: \$15.00 includes lunch  
**Registration deadline is May 10, 2004**  
Make checks payable to NLA Public Library Section  
Register and send checks to  
Joan Birnie, Broken Bow Public Library, 626 South D Street, Broken Bow, NE 68822

### **June 11, 2004 PLS Annual Meeting**

Theme: Western  
Location: Western Nebraska Community College, 371 College Drive, Sidney, NE  
Speaker, Gail Potter  
Time: 9:00-9:30 a.m.-Welcome, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Annual Meeting  
Cost: \$10.00 includes lunch  
**Registration deadline is June 1, 2004**  
Register with PLS, see above info.

### **June 21-26, 2004 PLS Children's Theatre Schedule / Presented by the Children's Theatre of Florida**

**June 21**-Kimball Public Library 10:00 a.m.  
Gering Public Library 2:00 p.m.

### **June 22, 2004**

Scottsbluff Public Library 10:00 a.m.  
Morrill Public Library 2:00 p.m.

### **June 23, 2004**

Bayard Public Library 10:00 a.m.  
Alliance Public Library 2:00 p.m.

### **June 24, 2004**

Rushville Public Library 10:00 a.m.  
Chadron Public Library 2:00 p.m.

### **June 25, 2004**

(Ogallala) Goodall City Library 10:00 a.m.  
Oshkosh Public Library 1:30 p.m.

### **June 26, 2004**

Sidney Public Library 10:00 a.m.

### **June 22, 2004 Database Roadshow 2004**

Location: Chadron State College, Miller Hall-Lab  
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (MT)  
Register by August 1 to Jeannette Powell, 800-307-2665, 402-471-7740, email [jpowell@nlc.state.ne.us](mailto:jpowell@nlc.state.ne.us)

### **July 29, 2004 Personnel Issues for Library Directors, Trustees and City Clerks**

Presented by lawyer Maggie Stine  
Location: Alliance Public Library, 1750 Sweetwater Ave, Alliance  
Time: 9:30 -12:30 & 1:15 – 3:15 (MT)  
Cost: TBA  
Register by July 1 to Jacque Crocker, 800-307-2665, 402-471-2083, email: [jcrocker@nlc.state.ne.us](mailto:jcrocker@nlc.state.ne.us)

### **Aug 2, 2004 NEMA/PLS Institute**

Location: Alliance Learning Center, 1750 Sweetwater Ave, Alliance  
Time: 9:00-9:20-Registration/ 9:20-3:15 Institute  
Cost: \$10.00 lunch is included  
Attend all 4 Sessions / All sessions will be repeated  
Make checks payable to NEMA  
Register and send checks to PLS – See above.

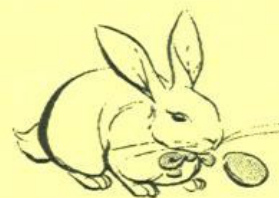




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# The Visible Library: Promoting Library Value with Marketing & Advocacy

Pat Wagner of Pattern Research, Denver, will conduct six interactive workshops throughout the state to assist Nebraska libraries in increasing visibility within their communities through creative and strategic marketing. Participants will discuss the ways in which they are already marketing their libraries, the roles research and customer awareness play in marketing, and how the library's marketing plan aligns with its strategic plan. Participants will bring real-life marketing materials to share and evaluate with the group and will be given time to complete a draft of their own marketing plan.

To be held 9:30a.m.—4:00p.m.  
at a location near you:

April 19, 2004 Gering Civic Center,  
1050 M Street, Gering

April 26, 2004 Board Room at the Perry  
Campus Center, Doane College Campus,  
1014 Boswell, Crete (please see map at  
[www.doane.edu/virtual\\_tour/index.asp](http://www.doane.edu/virtual_tour/index.asp))

April 27, 2004 Midland Lutheran College,  
Dining Hall, 900 N Clarkson, Fremont

April 28, 2004 Northeast Community  
College, Lifelong Learning Center,  
801 E. Benjamin, Norfolk, NE

April 29, 2004 Ord Township Library,  
1718 M Street, Ord

April 30, 2004 Ella Missing Community  
Center, 411 6th St., Arapahoe

- Registration Fee: \$15 (includes lunch)
- CE Hours: 6
- Participants are asked to bring examples of their marketing to share (e.g. photos of displays, flyers, brochures, press releases, etc.)

*Ideal for ALL TYPES (Library Friends, Trustees, Public, School, Academic, Special) of Nebraska Libraries and library folks.*

## The Visible Library: Promoting Library Value with Marketing & Advocacy REGISTRATION FORM

Please indicate which date/location you will be attending, then mail with registration form and \$15 per person to: Northeast Library System, 3038 33rd Avenue, Columbus, NE 68601-2334. Make checks payable to: Regional Library Systems.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Library: \_\_\_\_\_

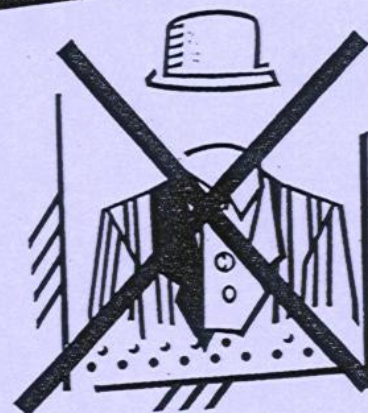
E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

I will attend the workshop at:

- ☐ Gering Civic Center, 4/19  
☐ Doane College, Crete, 4/26  
☐ Midland Lutheran College, Fremont, 4/27  
☐ Northeast Community College, 4/28  
☐ Ord Township Library, 4/29  
☐ Ella Missing Center, Arapahoe, 4/30

Please register (no later than) one week prior to the workshop you are attending.



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# **SCHOOL JOBALIKES!!**

**Join your fellow school library media specialists for a meal and talk time. Three locations – come to one or all three! We can share the best from the last year, discuss end-of-year procedures, or deal with whatever is on your mind. Please register by calling the Panhandle Library System office so we can confirm meal space. Cost to you is your food order from the menu, except in Bayard : a catered meal from Sweet Basil will be \$8.00.**

**1. CENTRAL - Wednesday, April 21 – 5:30-7:00  
Bayard High School Library, 726 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
(use north entrance)**

**2. NORTH – Tuesday, April 27 – 5:00-7:00  
Angela's Eatery, 251 Main Street, Chadron**

**3. SOUTH – Thursday, May 6 – 5:00-7:00  
Perkins Restaurant, 655 Cabela Drive, Sidney  
(just north of the Interstate)**

**Please call the PLS office to let us know where you will be attending: 888-879-5303 (toll free) or 308-632-1350. Registration required one week before the event.**





## Database Roadshow 2004

### The 2004 Database Roadshow has been expanded to cover NebraskaAccess!

The seventh annual Database Roadshow will cover NebraskaAccess including the databases available and the Librarian's Toolbox, where librarians can go to find promotional and training information. The Roadshow will be divided into segments, with each focusing on a particular database. During each segment we will discuss and demonstrate a database, and then the class will have hands-on time to practice what they learned. Please bring any questions you may have and we will help you work through them during the hands-on time.

- All sessions will run from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.
- There will be a one hour lunch break at *approximately 11:30*. **Lunch is on your own.**
- There is no cost to attend the Database Roadshow.
- Continuing Education credits of 5 hours can be earned by attending the Roadshow. Registration deadline is June 11, 2004

Two locations near you:

**Chadron** - June 22 - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm MDT  
Chadron State College, Miller Hall, Chadron

**North Platte** - August 3 - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
North Platte Community College, 601 W. State Farm Rd., North Platte

For more Database Roadshow locations see the registration form.

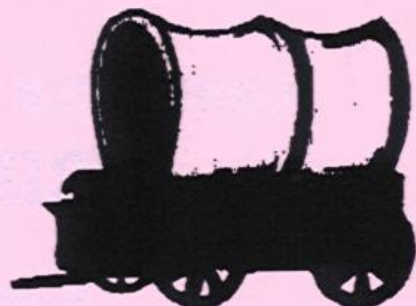
**To register go to:** <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/nebraskaccess/toolbox/roadshow.html>

A minimum of five registered participants are required to hold a Database Roadshow. If the minimum registration is not met five business days before the scheduled date of the Roadshow, that session can be canceled and those who have registered will be notified via e-mail.

Please notify the Network Services Department at least 24 hours in advance if you have registered but can not attend a session. Call Jeannette Powell at 800-307-2665 or e-mail [jpowell@nlc.state.ne.us](mailto:jpowell@nlc.state.ne.us) to cancel.



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**PANHANDLE LIBRARY SYSTEM'S ANNUAL MEETING**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2004**

Registration and Coffee  
9:00 to 9:30 a.m.

**Western Nebraska Community College**

**Sidney Center**

**Room #116**

**371 College Drive**

**Sidney, NE 69162**



**FEATURED SPEAKER:**



**Gail DeBuse Potter, Director**

**"Fur Trade and Lewis & Clark"**

**7 years Director of Museum of the Fur Trade**

**Chadron, NE**

**Senior Curator Nebraska Historical Society**

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***Registration Form***

Cost: \$10.00 per person  
(includes lunch & handouts)

Attending Names \_\_\_\_\_

Library \_\_\_\_\_



**PLEASE RETURN BY JUNE 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004**

**Mail to PLS Office, 1517 Broadway, Suite 129, Scottsbluff, NE 69361**

**Fax (308)632-3978 or Phone (308)632-1350**



# **PANHANDLE LIBRARY SYSTEM'S ANNUAL MEETING**

## **FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 2004**

**Western Nebraska Community College  
Sidney Center  
Room #116  
371 College Drive  
Sidney, NE 69162**

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|---------------------------|---|
| <b>9:00 - 9:30 a.m.</b>   | <b>Registration</b>   |
| <b>9:30 - 10:30 a.m.</b>  | <b>Welcome &amp; PLS Introductions<br/>Chadron State - Tina Gould - Summer Reading<br/>Chadron State - Steve Taylor - Undergraduate<br/>Library Degree Program<br/>Nebraska Library Commission report / Pam Scott</b> |
| <b>10:30 - 10:45 a.m.</b> | <b>Break</b>  |
| <b>10:45 - 11:45 p.m.</b> | <b>Featured Speaker: Gail DeBuse Potter<br/><i>"Fur Trade and Lewis &amp; Clark"</i><br/>followed with q &amp; a time and talk about the<br/>museum and its collection</b>  |
| <b>11:45 - 12:00 p.m.</b> | <b>Kit Keller - Library Accreditation</b>   |
| <b>12:00 - 1:00 p.m.</b>  | <b>Lunch (on-site) &amp; Networking</b>   |
| <b>1:00 - 2:30 p.m.</b>   | <b>Pam Scott - Continuing Education<br/>Business meeting PLS Board<br/>Scholarship report<br/>Certificates to past board members<br/>NLC children &amp; young adult book giveaway!</b>                                |

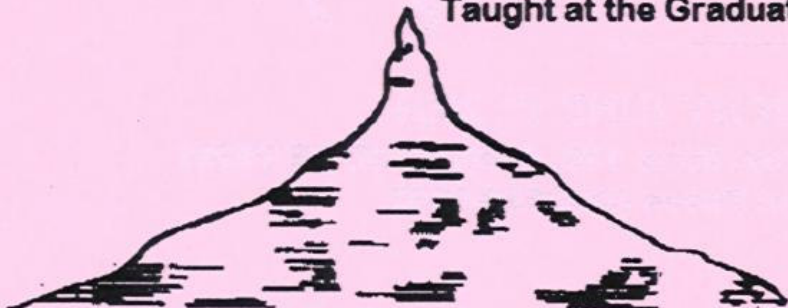
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### **Featured Speaker**

**Gail DeBuse Potter**

**7 years Director of Museum of the Fur Trade  
Master Degree from UNL**

**Senior Curator Nebraska Historical Society (forever)  
Taught at the Graduate College - UNL**





## NLA Public Library Section 2004 Spring Meetings

This year's meetings are co-sponsored by: the Public Library Section; the Trustees, Users and Friends Section; the Special and Institutional Section; School, Children's and Young People Section, and the Nebraska Library Commission.

Please join us May 17<sup>th</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup>!  
Choose one of the following two workshops:

### BEING A PROFESSIONAL PERSON- IT IS NOT ALL ABOUT THE CREDENTIALS

Presenter: Mary Bushing

This one-day workshop will cover these key concepts:

1. Sociological construct of "profession" vs. professional behavior
2. Characteristics of a professional person(integrity, respect, competence, service, etc.)
3. Examination of how "being professional" plays out in various aspect of library operations
4. Influence of professionalism on how the library is characterized by others - users, nonusers, local government, etc.
5. Finding ways to be more professional in our approach to our work and positions
6. Identifying ways to help others grow and become more professional

#### Dr. Bushing's credentials:

BA (Humanities) Aurora University, IL, 1973

MLS Dominican University, IL 1975

Ed.D. Montana State University, 1995

Mary Bushing is retired as an emeritus faculty member (Head of Information Resources in the library) from Montana State University, and is still teaching part-time in the College of Education School Library Media Program and doing projects for the library. She has experience working in all types of libraries -- school, public (small and medium), special, and academic. Dr. Bushing presented several sessions at this year's MPLA conference in Incline Village.

### Teen Space: Capturing Teen Imagination in the Library

Presenter: Kim Bolan Taney

This one-day workshop will cover creating youth/adult partnerships, designing an inviting library teen space, developing a viable young adult materials collection, and marketing and customer service to teens.

Kimberly Bolan Taney is the Network Administrator and Patron Services Librarian at the Webster Public Library in New York. Her background and continuing passion is teen services. A graduate of Syracuse University's School of Information Studies, Taney continues to work as an independent young adult consultant, writing, speaking, and advising on issues related to young adult services and particularly to teen space design. In 1995 and 1996, she served as the young adult specialist/project coordinator in the Pioneer Library System in Canandaigua, New York, where she worked on a grant to assist rural public libraries in designing their teen spaces.

Taney is the author of *Teen Spaces: The Step-by-Step Library Makeover* and has presented at the PLA National Conference in 1998, 2000, and will be again in 2004. Taney has also served as a consultant to the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives on a statewide teen services project, worked on the New York Library Association's publication *The Basic Young Adult Services Handbook* and has written various articles for VOYA.

Please send your registration (on the next page) to:

Joan Birnie

Broken Bow Public Library

626 South D. St.

Broken Bow, NE 68822

Registration deadline May 10.



## 2004 Spring Meetings Registration Form

**Sponsored by Public Library Section; Trustees, Users and Friends Section; and Special and Institutional Section And SCYP. Proud to be offering two tracts:**

## BEING A PROFESSIONAL PERSON - IT IS NOT ALL ABOUT THE CREDENTIALS

**Presenter:**

## Mary Bushing

# TEEN SPACE: CAPTURING TEEN IMAGINATION IN THE LIBRARY

**Presenter:**

**Kimberly Bolan Taney**  
with Sally Snyder, sponsored  
by the NE Library Commission

10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

LIBRARY \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check the day you will be coming:**

           Mon, May 17      Alliance Public Library,  
1750 Sweetwater Ave, Alliance, NE

**Wed, May 19 Broken Bow Public Library,  
626 South D. St., Broken Bow, NE**

\_\_\_\_\_ Thurs, May 20      Seward Memorial Library,  
5<sup>th</sup> and Main, Seward, NE

**The tract I will attend (please choose one):**

## Being a Professional Person

## Teen Space

**Registration fee: \$15**

payable to NLA Public Library Section

**Morning snack and lunch provided with your registration**



## Mad Hatter Award 2004

Presented by Child's World and the School, Children and Young People's Section of NLA

**PURPOSE** To recognize an individual member of the Nebraska Library Profession who has made an outstanding contribution to School, Children and Young People's librarianship and library development.

**CRITERIA** Individual nominated should have demonstrated achievements in the following areas:

1. Imaginative interpretation of library services
2. Development of innovative and creative programming for children and young adults
3. Demonstration of professional contributions to regional, state, and national library organizations, publications, and/or presentations.

\*Nominee **MUST** be a member of the School, Children and Young People's Section of the Nebraska Library Association.

I nominate \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Present address)

Nominee's library affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach sheets describing the achievements of your nominee. **All three criteria listed above must be addressed in your nomination.** You should include documentation in the form of several support letters from staff, parents, board members or others, each letter identifying the writer as to what role they play in libraries and their relationship to the nominee. It is highly recommended that photos of the person working with patrons be submitted as well as samples of programs, creativity, etc. that this person has done. Any documentation or detail that you can send supporting your nominee's qualifications and that assist the Mad Hatter Committee in making a judgment will be very helpful. Make sure all professional leadership is noted, especially SCYP membership. Using letter or essay format, follow these three headings:

1. Interpreting library services to the community
2. Developing innovative programming
3. Demonstrating professional leadership

Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to nominee -----

Address \_\_\_\_\_

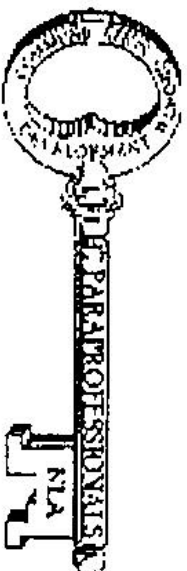
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**Please return the nomination form, achievement sheets and photos by August 20, 2004, to**  
**Nancy Larimer**  
**7424 Laura Lynn Ct.**  
**Lincoln, NE 68516**



# *Paraprofessional Section*



## *Paraprofessional of the Year*

The Paraprofessional Section of the Nebraska Library Association (NLA) accepts nominations for the Paraprofessional of the Year Award each year. This award is given annually to a paraprofessional who must be a member of the Paraprofessional Section of NLA who has demonstrated outstanding service in a library setting.

The recipient will be selected on the basis of all of the following criteria:

1. Innovative programs that the nominee has worked with which have resulted in new or improved library services.
2. Exceptional volunteer work in library service or related field.
3. Exceptional use of library resources, local or otherwise.
4. Significant involvement or leadership in NLA Paraprofessional Section; i.e., holding office, member of a committee, or workshop or conference presentation.

**Nominations are due on July 31 of each calendar year.** A special nomination form is available. Contact Mary Geibel, Paraprofessional Section Citations Committee Chair, Nebraska Library Commission, 1200 N Street, The Atrium, Suite 120, Lincoln, NE 68508-2023, 800-307-2665, or e-mail: [mgeibel@nlc.state.ne.us](mailto:mgeibel@nlc.state.ne.us) for a print copy.

The Chair will present the nominations to the Paraprofessional Section Executive Board for the final decision. The award will be announced following their decision.